

ELECTRONIC TELEVISION  
PROGRAM GUIDE WITH CALENDAR TOOL

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5       The present invention is described by an electronic program guide with a calendar tool, and a method and apparatus for transmitting and receiving the electronic program guide. The apparatus includes a transmission station and a plurality of receiver stations. The transmission station creates program guide data that is in an "object" format. The transmission station combines the program guide objects with digital audio and video  
10 television signals, and transmits an output stream to the plurality of receiver stations. Each of the plurality of receiver stations stores electronic program guide objects. Using data from the electronic program guide objects, the plurality of receiver stations generate a listing of television program representations, and a calendar image separate from and adjacent to the plurality of television program representations. The calendar image  
15 includes a selection indicator for selecting a date and time, and includes a plurality of program indicators that provide indications of the dates on which a set of television programs will be broadcast.